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¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation concerning Our Iron-Oar, Iron-Mynes and Cynders within Our Forrest of Dean.

WHereas in July in the twelfth year of Our Reign, VVe granted to farm for a term of years yet to come, all Our Iron-works, Cynders, Iron-Oar and Mynes of Iron whatsoever within Our Forrest of Dean, with a yearly proportion of Woods for supply & maintaining of the said works for the making of Iron; And whereas for divers reasons, aswell conducing to the publique good of Our Realms, as Our own particular, wee did think good to restrain Our Iron-Oar, Mynes and Cynders, from such frequent use as hath of late been made thereof by strangers; And to that end, by Our said Grant wee did inhibite any Myners or others to carry any of Our Myne, Iron-Oar, or Cynders, then digged, gotten or gathered, or then after to be digged, gotten or gathered within the said Forrest (according to a Perambulation thereof made in the eight and twentieth year of King Edward the first) to any the Iron-works of others within or without the said Forrest, without our especiall License in that behalf; wee being now informed (notwithstanding sundry declarations of Our Royall Will and pleasure in that behalf) That divers persons do take liberty to themselves to carry to the Iron-works of divers others, and transport great quantities of our Iron-Myne, Oar and Cynders, whereby in short time not only Our good intentions for the publique may be frustrated, but Our just Revenue in that part may also be impaired and diminished, have thought fit to make publique declaration of Our pleasure therein, And therefore wee do hereby straitly charge and command, That no Myner, or other person or persons whatsoever, do at any time hereafter presume to carry or convey any of Our Iron-Myne, Iron-Oar or Cynders which are or shall be digged, gotten or gathered within Our said Forrest of Dean, according to the Perambulation aforesaid, to any Furnaces, Forges, Footblasts, or Iron-works (other then Our own) or to any other person or persons, place or places within or without the said Forrest, without Our speciall License in that behalf first had & obtained: And that no person or persons whatsoever (other then such as are or shall be so licensed) do at any time hereafter presume to buy, receive, use, or imploy for the making of Iron, any of Our said Iron-Myne, Oar or Cynders which are or shall be digged, found or gathered within the limits or precincts of our said Forrest, according to the Perambulation aforesaid, upon pain of our high displeasure, & such penalties and punishments as their contempts or neglects of Our Royal commands herein shall deserve. And wee do hereby require, authorize and command all and every of Our Officers and Ministers of Our Revenue, aswell as of Our said Forrest; And all and every of Our Justices of Peace, Sheriffs, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other Our Officers and ministers whom it shall concern, to take care and see to the due execution of our Royall pleasure herein declared; And that the offenders in all or any the premises may be discovered, and duly prosecuted and punished for such their misdemeanors and contempts, whereof wee shall require a strict and just account.

Given at Our Court at Newmarket, the fourth day of March, in the thirteenth year of Our Reign.

¶ God save the King.

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